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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: Latch Assembly for a Sectional Door

### AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. §1.116)

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### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated October 14, 2003, finally rejecting claims 1, 3-7, 11, 12, 15, 21, 22, 23-27, 29-30, 34-38, 40, 42, 46, 47-50, 53-56 and 61, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.